

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 4, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENJAMIN made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 276.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the Senate bill No. 276, for the relief of Mrs. Ambroise Bron, report :

That it appears that Pierre Bron had been, in the year 1791, already forty years in possession of a tract of land of ten arpents front by eighty in depth, which at his death became the property of his sons Ambroise and Jacques Bron, who, after a joint possession of a number of years, divided it in 1816.

In 1820 Ambroise Bron presented his half for confirmation, which was granted by act of Congress of 1823, confirming the report made by commissioners on 6th January, 1821.

In 1826 Jacques sold his half to Seraphin Bron, and Seraphin re-sold to Ambroise in 1830, so that Ambroise became owner of the whole tract.

It now appears that, whilst Jacques was owner of the one-half of said tract, he neglected to apply for its confirmation, and the tract is now placed on the maps recently made by the Land Office as public lands.

It is plain that the United States have no title to the lands ; that they are private property, which did not pass to the government under the treaty of cession ; and a bill is accordingly reported to confirm the title of Mrs. Ambroise Bron, who has acquired the title of her deceased husband.

